(3) **MCRL**—Negotiations were held between the Non-Least Developed Contracting States and Least Developed Contracting States on the mechanism for compensation of revenue loss and it is expected to be further discussed during the next meeting of COE.

(4) **Technical Assistance**—The Committee agreed that in the next meeting, the Sub-Group on Technical Assistance would finalize the operational modalities for providing technical assistance to LDCs.

Overlapping in function of private security agencies and police

1819. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been instances of overlap of function between private security personnel and the police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that private multi-national security agencies having branches in India pose serious security implications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Security to individuals as well as property is provided both by the Police as well as personnel of the Private security agencies.

(c) and (d) In view of the possible security implications of personnel of multi-national Private Security Agencies operating in India and to ensure that the private security agencies function within the realm of law of the country and act in a manner which is not prejudicial to national security, the Central Government has enacted a law namely "The Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005". The Act, *inter-alia*, provides the necessary legal framework to oversee their functioning including cancellation of licence of such private security agencies if the licence holder has done any act which poses a threat to national security.